



Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission

**Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 22, 2022**

Minutes

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dime Hollingsworth (I), Philip O'Dell (II), Jurell Byrd, Secretary (III), Bill Teague, Vice Chairman (IV), Susan Curry, Treasurer (V), Ted Davenport, Chairman (VII), and Jimmy Young (Municipal)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: John McMurray, (VI)

STAFF: Jeff Field, Executive Director
Paula Bullard, Executive Assistant
Angie Nelson, Director of Administration and Customer Service
Damas Mattison, Regulatory Compliance and Operations Manager
KC Price, Engineering Manager
Steve Griffin, Construction Manager
Wendy Medlock, Director of Finance

ATTORNEY: Allen M. Wham

PRESS:

GUESTS: None

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of February 22, 2022, Minutes

Chairman Remarks

Executive Director Remarks

LCWSC Monthly Financial Summary

LCWSC Monthly Operations Summary

New Business

1. Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Certain Real Property on Metric Road for the Purpose of Constructing an Elevated Water Tank, and to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver all Documents and Instruments which may be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate such Transaction.

Old Business

1. Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update

Executive Session

Upon returning to open session, the Commission may take whatever action deemed appropriate on matters discussed in executive session.

1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens CPW

Other Business

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davenport called the meeting to order at 8:26 am in the Training Rooms of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

Invocation given by Commissioner Curry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Davenport asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 22, 2022, minutes, as submitted to the Commissioners. None being submitted.

Commissioner Curry MOVED *that the minutes are accepted as submitted*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner O'Dell. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Davenport welcomed the Commissioners, staff, and everyone in attendance to the meeting. He welcomed Commissioner Young back from his absence following a recent medical procedure. Chairman Davenport congratulated Mr. MacDonald for his recent promotion to Publisher of the Clinton Chronicle.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Mr. Field also welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Field made the request to have an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter related to the CPW added to the current agenda.

Chairman Davenport asked if there was a motion to add an Executive Session to the agenda.

Commissioner Teague MOVED *to add an Executive Session to the current agenda*. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

LCWSC MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The monthly financial summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of the summary can be found in the Commissioner Board Packet.

As of February 28, 2022, LCWSC had a total of \$8,434,506 in cash for operating and reserve funds as compared to \$8,810,967 at this time in FY21. As of February 28, 2022, LCWSC is awaiting an EDA reimbursement totaling \$361,728, LCWSC requested reimbursement on March 8, 2022. Including the reimbursement due LCWSC would have a total cash balance of \$8,796,234.

Mr. Field discussed the highlights for Water Distribution, Wastewater, Lake Rabon, and the Town of Gray Court. He also supplied the percentage breakdown for operating revenue, operating expenses, capital revenue, and capital expenses by department as well as the overall combined percentage for each.

Mr. Field noted that LCWSC has received \$4,338,102 in contributed capital grants during FY22. Year to date paid line extensions for FY22 total \$139,400 from customers or developers. The year-to-date line extensions include Rest Road, Phillips Lane, Clyde Road, Herman Road, Jerome Bailey Road, Twin Branch Road, and Hunter Industrial Park.

LCWSC MONTHLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

The monthly operations summary was presented to the Commissioners. A copy of the summary can be found in the Commissioner Board Packet.

Mr. Field stated that the average gallons per day per active residential tap for the month of February was 116. On average for the year, each customer uses 134 gallons per day. Mr. Field shared the precipitation graph noting that February 2022 precipitation was 3.07 inches, which is 1.31 inches below that of February 2021. The precipitation data is a county average derived from rain gauges at Lake Rabon, Bush River Wastewater Treatment Plant, Bethany Tank, and the Clinton Pump Station.

Mr. Field reviewed the work order summary for the current month reporting that thirty-seven new water taps were installed in the month of February 2022. A total of 328 water taps and twenty-seven sewer taps have been installed in FY22. Mr. Field presented a map indicating the distribution of all new taps installed throughout the county in FY22. He added, there is a good distribution of services throughout the county.

Mr. Mattison discussed water purchased and the water audit. The audit compares the water purchased to the water sold, water audited, and water unaccounted. The formula used is a rolling 12-month average for unaccounted water loss; the current month data is added as the one-year-old data is removed. For the month of February 2022, the unaccounted total is 15,171,910 gallons. The monthly goal for unaccounted water is *less than* 19,500,000 gallons.

Mr. Mattison also shared the information regarding line leak work orders for February 2022. There were thirteen main line leak work orders closed; seven were repaired within two weeks, two were repaired within two to four weeks, and four were repaired later than four weeks. There were ten lateral line leak work orders closed; four were repaired within two weeks, four were repaired within two to four weeks, and two were repaired later than four weeks. None of the leaks exceeded fifty gallons per minute.

Mr. Griffin gave an update for the line extension projects. Whelon Road project sampling is complete, only need to tie it in at Dean Drive to finish out the project. The upcoming projects are installing 8" pipe at Hunter Industrial. Installing 12" pipe at Andrews Road and at the Fountain Inn Pump Station. The 12" pipe is currently in the shipping process.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Certain Real Property on Metric Road for the Purpose of Constructing an Elevated Water Tank, and to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver all Documents and Instruments which may be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate such Transaction.**

Mr. Field presented a resolution to the Board of Commissioners related to LCWSC purchase of property to construct an elevated water tank on Metric Road.

Commissioner Young MOVED *to accept the Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Certain Real Property on Metric Road for the Purpose of Constructing an Elevated Water Tank, and to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver all Documents and Instruments which may be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate such Transaction.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility Update:**

Mr. Price provided an update on the Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility.

The Lake Greenwood Water Treatment Facility is performing well although there remains an issue with the filters maintaining consistency. SUEZ Water Technologies has provided the LCWSC with the ability to backwash at another flow rate and time interval. This has been helpful, but it did not solve the issue. The backwash controls are being turned over to the LCWSC team on March 23, 2022 so staff can continue to work inhouse on the issue at hand. It is important that the backwash procedure is accurate to ensure that a clean wash process is consistently repeatable. Though the filters are producing good water that are within regulatory guidelines, Mr. Price remains determined that the filters can perform even better once LCWSC staff optimize the backwash process.

The ozone system is being evaluated for performance today to confirm that all aspects are in place. LCWSC will soon be trained on the system.

All areas of the facility are being thoroughly inspected and monitored. The main focus is having the facility operational and producing a quality product. A new chiller for the ozone system was installed and is working well.

The Milam Road tank is painted with the LCWSC logo; it looks nice. The water tank has a 500,000-gallon capacity. The project is expected to be completed within the next 60 days.

Executive Session

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1. Contractual Matter related to Laurens CPW

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners Go into Executive Session at 10:20 am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

Commissioner Curry MOVED that the ***Board of Commissioners Come Out of Executive Session at 11:30 am.*** MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Byrd. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

ADJOURN

Commissioner O'Dell MOVED that the *Board of Commissioners meeting be adjourned.* MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. MOTION CARRIED. AYES, 6; NAYS, 0

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 11:33 am.

I certify that the above Minutes accurately reflect the business conducted at the Commission meeting on March 22, 2022, also that the minutes were approved at the meeting held on April 26, 2022.


Jurell Byrd, Jr., Secretary